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1. FOLLOWING IS INFORMATION REQUESTED, KEYED TO PARAGRAPHS, REF A.

2. A. PHOSPHATE ROCK EXTRACTION CAPACITY - 2.5 MILLION METRIC TONS PER YEAR OF HIGH QUALITY 80 PERCENT TRICALCIUM PHOSPHATE CONTENT.

B. ACTUAL PRODUCTION:

CY 1972 1.9 MILLION M.T.
CY 973 2.3 MILLION M.T.
CY 1974 2.5 MILLION M.T. (ESTIMATED)

3. COMPAGNIE TOGOLAISES DES MINES DU BENIN (CTMB) INCREASED PRODUCTIVE CAPACITY BY OPENING SECOND EXTRACTIVE SITE NEAR ORIGINAL MINE AND EXPANDING TREATMENT FACILITIES IN MID-1973. CTMB HAS NOT ANNOUNCED ANY NEW PLANS FOR FURTHER EXPANSION SINCE THEN. COMPANY WAS NATIONALIZED IN JANUARY 1974.

4. TOGO HAS NEITHER FERTILIZER NOR PHOSPHORIC ACID MANUFACTURING FACILITIES AT PRESENT TIME.

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5. SOCIETE TOGOLAISE D'ENGRAIS (STEN) PLANS CONSTRUCTION SINGLE

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SUPERPHOSPHATE FERTILIZER PLANT, COMMENCING IN 1974 TO BE COMPLETED
BY MID-1976. PROJECT WILL BE LOCATED IN LOME PORT INDUSTRIAL
ZONE. ESTIMATED PRODUCTION CAPACITY 300,000 M.T. PER YEAR.
STEN SHAREHOLDERS ARE GOT (50 PERCENT) AND BELGIAN FIRM
SYBETRA (50 PERCENT).CURRAN

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